whether this site is the Bhima Sankar Dwadas Jyotirlinga. The site is not a protected monument under the control of the Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) The State Government has not yet taken up the development of this site.

(c) Any development of archaeological site of religious and historical importance will lead to rise in number of tourists and revenue earnings.

(d) The State Government has informed the Ministry that the development of the roads can be taken up subject to the availability of funds.

Shiva Linga named Moison Ram in Meghalaya

†1672. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is huge "Shiva Linga" of God "Shanker" in the name of "Moison Ram" in a cave at a distance of 60 Km from shillong in Meghalaya and it is full of religious and natural beauty;

(b) whether this place could be developed on the lines of Amarnath;

(c) whether influx of pilgrims would increase and Government of Meghalaya would accrue more revenue if the said development takes place; and

(d) if so, by when the action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) According to the information received from the Government of Meghalaya, there is a natural formation of stalactite and stalagmite in the cave near Mawsynram. The place has great tourist potential. The State Government is taking steps to develop the site.

BPL Persons in the NER

†1673. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi